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ON SENATE ELECTIONS

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1. NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY (NSP) CHAIRMAN ERBAKAN, IN HIS
FIRST PUBLIC STATEMENT SINCE THE OCTOBER 12 ELECTIONS (IN WHICH
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HIS PARTY DROPPED TO 8.4 PERCENT COMPARED WITH ITS 12 PERCENT

SHOWING IN 1973), ON OCTOBER 14 TOLD NEWSPAPERMEN THAT HIS PARTY HAD MADE TWO "IMPORTANT" GAINS IN THE ELECTION: IT HAD "CONSOLIDATED A STRONG BASE" AND "GAINED ONE MORE EXPERIENCE". ERBAKAN NOTED THAT THE NSP GENERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD WOULD MEET OCTOBER 19 TO DISCUSS "ELECTION RESULTS, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CYPRUS POLICY AND THE MEASURES TO BE TAKEN FOR THE IMPROVED FUNCTIONING OF THE COALITION GOVERNMENT. THINGS IN THE COALITION PROTOCOL ARE NOT BEING IMPLEMENTED AND WE WILL DO WHAT IS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THEM."

2. DEMOCRATIC PARTY (DP) CHAIRMAN BOZBEYLI, WHOSE PARTY WAS ALL BUT ELIMINATED AS IT DROPPED TO ONLY 3.1 PERCENT OF THE VOTE (FROM 11.9 PERCENT IN 1973), TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE OCTOBER 14 THAT THE ELECTION RETURNS OPENED A "BIG GATE" FOR A RETURN TO A TWO-PARTY SYSTEM. HE POINTED OUT THAT A TWO-PARTY SYSTEM HAD BEEN IN OPERATION TWICE BEFORE AND HAD FAILED BOTH TIMES. "OUR DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL LIFE," HE WARNED, "MAY FACE A THIRD DESTRUCTION."

3. SADETTIN BILGIC, A LEADER OF THE INDEPENDENT GROUP IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND DEMIREL GOVERNMENT SUPPORTER, STATED THAT "THE GOVERNMENT WILL GO ON PEACEFULLY" BUT DENIED RUMORS THAT HE WOULD JOIN THE JP.

4. REPUBLICAN RELIANCE (RR) SEC GEN VEFA TANIR STATED ON OCTOBER 14 THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S COALITION PARTIES HAD RECEIVED MORE VOTES THAN THE OPPOSITION PARTIES, THUS "PROVING THAT THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT WAS IN OFFICE WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE."
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